Celebration of the Homegoing of
Alma Mims

Sunrise:
August 29, 1935

Sunset:
September 20, 2016

"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

Service Held
Thursday, September 29, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Bethel Cathedral C.O.G.I.C.

1229 Egbert Avenue
San Francisco, California 94124
Elder Al Meux, Pastor – Officiating

Reflections of Life

Alma Washington was born on August 29, 1935 to the parents of Park and Mamie Lizzie Washington in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. Park Washington was a businessman who had many business ventures and Mamie Lizzie was a stay at home mother who cared for her eight children, of which Alma was the second eldest. She completed all of her early education in Hazlehurst and graduated from Parrish High School in 1953. At the age of 16, she started her first job, working at a peanut factory with her grandfather Papa Kemp.

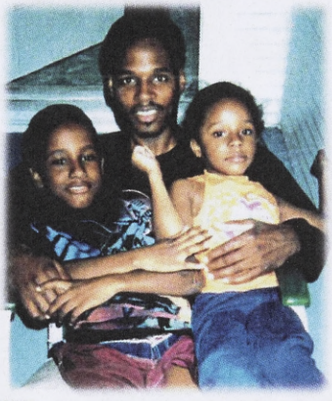
In 1955, at the age of 20, she moved to San Francisco, California with her uncle Ralph and Nell Campbell. She was blessed with her first bundle of joy – Constance – in 1957. In 1961, she was united in marriage with the late Leland Mims and that union was blessed with three wonderful children: Byron, Nelva, and Demitri.

Alma attended City College of San Francisco where she received her Associates degree in Early Childhood Development. She has always loved and had a passion for children, which led her into this field. In 1968, she began working at Busy Bee as a child care provider. Shortly thereafter, she began working at Martin Luther King Jr., as a preschool teacher, where she taught for 30 years until her retirement. During this time she touched the lives of many children and those she worked with.

At the age of 42, Sis Alma Mims gave her life to the Lord under the leadership of Pastor Elder Riley O'Guinn at Holy Ghost Mission C.O.G.I.C where she held many auxiliaries including secretary and heading the choir. She remained a member there until Pastor O'Guinn's death in 1993. She then began to attend and became an active member at Bethel Cathedral C.O.G.I.C where she worked on the Usher board. This was something enjoyed doing because she loved to serve the Lord.

On September 20, 2016 she was called home to be with her Lord. Amongst a host of other relatives and friends, she was reunited her parents Park and Mamie Lizzie; ex-husband Leland Mims; her sister Ernestine Harris and brother Joseph Washington Sr; nieces and nephews Walter Harris, Frederick Gregory, Tony Gregory, Sherrie Snelgro and Karla Washington.

She leaves to treasure her memory her four children: Constance Flack (Kevin) of Vallejo, CA, Byron and Demitri Mims of San Francisco, CA and Nelva Mims of Novato, CA; Five grandchildren Quoya and Nakela Flack of San Leandro, CA, Fabian and Ahsha Mims of Texas and Nicholas Mims of Novato,CA; three sisters Carolyn Williams (Elwood) of South San Francisco, CA, Helen Wilson of Pensacola, FL and Park Alice Thomas of Lansing, MI; two brothers Jerry Washington of Hazlehurst, MS and Ralph Washington (Earlene) of Jackson, MS; Nieces and nephews Janice Rogers, Carol Gregory, Kenneth Gregory, Marcus Gregory, Patrick Thomas (Christina), LaTonya Terry, Jay Thomas, Roddy Thomas, LaTonya Washington, Kimberly Washington, Jasmine Washington, Sheila Hilliard, Gwen Williams, Gregory Williams, Maurice Williams, Joseph "Centry" Washington Jr., Kayla Washington, Connie Wilson, Pam Wilson McSwain, Jerry Washington Jr and a host of great grand nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.



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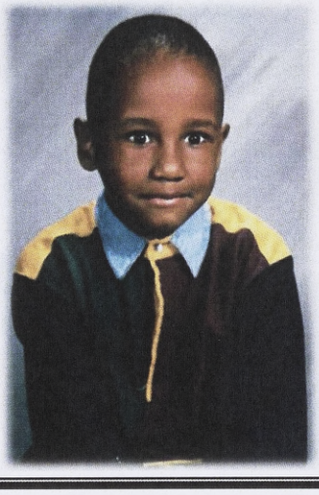

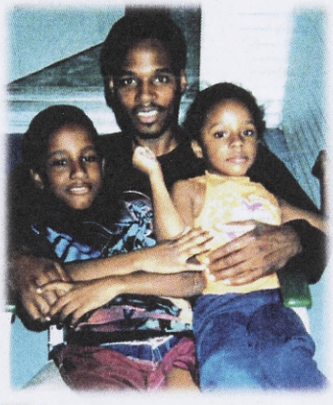

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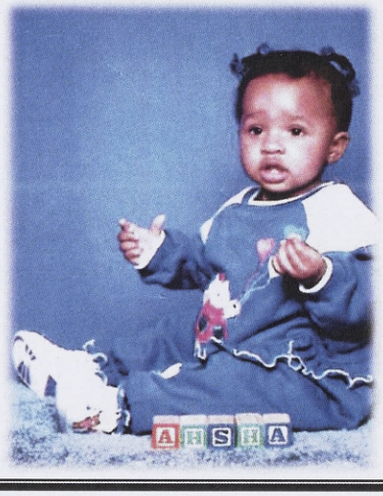
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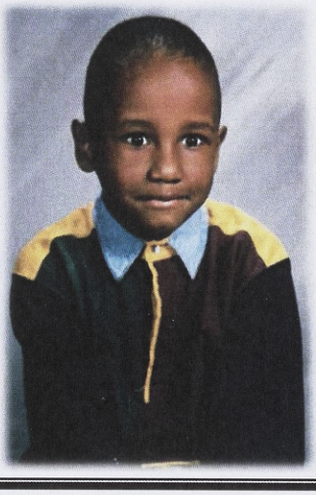

Order Service

Processional ..... *Clergy & Family*

Prayer ..... *Elder Al Meux*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... *Kimberly Washington*

New Testament ..... *Klanice Harvey*

Poem ..... *Belinda Holloway Harker*

Solo ..... *Deborah Wright Jones*

Acknowledgements/Resolution-Bethel Cathedral ..... *Missionary Cynthia Wilkins*

Loving Expressions ..... *Nakela & Quoya Flack*

Reflections of Life ..... *Ahsha Mims*

Praise Dance ..... *Hubert Reed*

Words of Comfort ..... *Mother Betty Bluford*

Expressions ..... *Family & Friends*

(2 Minutes Please)

Solo – "Going Up Yonder" ..... *Sis. Pamela Bluford Smith*

Eulogy ..... *Pastor Al Meux*

Parting View ..... *Duggan's Funeral Directors*

Recessional .....

Interment

Greenlawn Memorial Park
1100 El Camino Real
Colma, California

Active Pallbearers

Gregory Williams
Maurice Williams
Kevin Flack
Kenneth Gregory
Fabian Mims
Troy McDonald

Honorary Pallbearers

Demitri Mims
Byron Mims
Ralph Washington
Jerry Washington

Acknowledgements

The family of Sis Alma Mims would like to send our thanks and appreciation for all of the kindness and prayers that all of our friends have shown us during this tough time. We are very grateful for your love and words of comfort and your presence here as we celebrate the life of our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to many – the beloved Alma Mims.

Repast

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Arrangements Entrusted to:

Duggan's Funeral Service

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